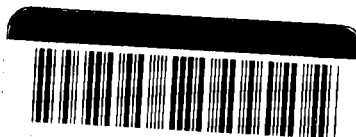


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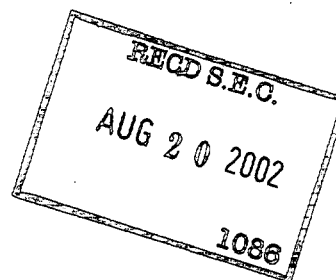
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Merrill Lynch Depositor, Inc., Preferred PLUS Class A 7.625% Trust Certificates Series VER-1 (the "Certificates") and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 20, 2002. Tentative listing date - August 23, 2002.

Sincerely,

*Parot elabha*

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